

"Crimes of the Heart" not a crime – a hit

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OAKVILLE — Sheridan Theatre students have achieved a thoroughly entertaining production of the play Crimes of the Heart.

The play hosted by Monahan's

Dinner Theatre and directed by Ron Cameron, provides exceptional entertainment for the after-dinner enjoyment of the patrons.

The first half of the show was a bit slow, but always maintained

its fun-loving comedy.

The performance of each character was very well rehearsed, each member of the cast brought life to the character on the stage. The only noticeable phony but necessary part of the characters was the fake southern accent. The only character who seemed perfectly natural with a slight southern lilt was Doc played by Rob Corbett.

The accent, at first, was both irritating and distracting. The accent also told the audience where the events were to have taken place. A necessary evil.

Crimes of the Heart, by nature is exceptionally moving; three women who find that they can change the course of their own lives upon the death of their Grandfather. It is not what you would expect as after-dinner entertainment.

The comedy is tempered with the reality of the events and some truly touching moments do arise. One such moment occurs when Babe realizes why their Moma killed her cat along with herself, she killed the cat out of love and because their Moma didn't want to die alone and afraid. Tina Hatt, who plays Babe achieves the flexibility between comedy and tragedy very well.



Theatre Sheridan is now presenting, at Monahan's Dinner Theatre, Crimes of the Heart. Seen here are Donna Dwyer as Meg Magrath (right) and Tina Hatt as Babe Batrelle (left).

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